

*Stated Meeting, August 16.*

Present, sixteen members.

Dr. PATTERSON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following donations were received:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

- Documents of the Second Session of the Twenty-fifth Congress, 1837–38. Twenty-four volumes. Washington, 1838.—*From John Forsyth, Secretary of State of the United States.*
- Chart of Georges Shoal and Bank. Surveyed by Charles Wilkes, Lieutenant Commandant, 1837.—*From the same.*
- A Narration of the Mission of the United Brethren among the Delaware and Mohegan Indians, from 1740 to 1808. By John Heckewelder. Philadelphia, 1820.—*From Mr. P. S. Du Ponceau.*
- Johann Heckewelder's Nachricht von der Geschichte, der Sitten, und Gebräuchen der Indianischen Völkerschaften. Aus den Englischen übersetzt, von Fr. Hesse. Nebst einem Zusatze von G. E. Schulze. Göttingen, 1821.—*From the same.*
- A Report on the Geological Survey of Connecticut. By Charles U. Shepard, M.D. New Haven, 1837.—*From Professor Silliman.*
- Suggestions relative to the Philosophy of Geology. By Professor B. Silliman. New Haven, 1839.—*From the same.*
- Catalogus Senatûs Academici, in Collegio Yalensi. New Haven, 1838.—*From the same.*
- Catalogue of the Library belonging to the Society of Brothers in Unity of Yale College. New Haven, 1838.—*From the same.*
- Catalogue of the Library of the Linonian Society, Yale College. New Haven, 1837.—*From the same.*
- Catalogue of Books in the Library of Yale College. New Haven, 1823.—*From the same.*
- A New Dictionary of Medical Science, second edition. By Robley Dunglison, M. D. Philadelphia, 1839.—*From the Author.*
- A Manual of Conchology. By Thomas Wyatt, M.A. New York, 1838.—*From the Author.*

- Sur la Possibilité de Mesurer l'Influence des Causes qui modifient les Éléments Sociaux. Par A. Quetelet. Brussels, 1832.—*From the Author.*
- Observations horaires faites au dernier Solstice d'Hiver, 1837. Par M. Quetelet.—*From the same.*
- Note sur le Magnétisme terrestre, suivie des Résultats des Observations Météorologiques horaires faites à Bruxelles à l'Équinoxe du Printemps de 1838, et à l'Époque du Solstice d'Été de 1838. Par A. Quetelet.—*From the same.*
- A Universal History, in Chinese, accompanied by a Map of both Hemispheres. By the Rev. Charles Guzlaff. Canton, 1838.—*From the Author.*
- Jahrbücher der Literatur. Vols. 77 to 80 inclusive. Vienna, 1837. *From Baron von Hammer Purgstall.*
- Moral Reflections on the actual Condition of the Animal Kingdom. By T. Forster. Brussels, 1839.—*From the Author.*
- Outlines of Physiology, with an Appendix on Phrenology. Philadelphia, 1839.—*From Dr. Dunglison.*
- The Colonial Policy of Great Britain. London, 1816.—*From Mr. John Vaughan.*
- Notes on the Medical Topography of the interior of Ceylon. By Henry Marshall. London, 1821.—*From the same.*
- Jay's Treaty, with an Appendix. Philadelphia, 1795.—*From the same.*
- A Practical Treatise on Rail Roads and Carriages. By Thomas Tredgold. New York, 1825.—*From the same.*
- Memoirs of the Rev. David Brainerd, Missionary to the Indians. By S. E. Dwight. New Haven, 1822.—*From the same.*
- Compendio das Eras da Provincia di Para. Por A. L. M. Baena. Para, 1838.—*From the Author.*
- Magazine of Natural History. Edited by Edward Charlesworth. Vol. II. New Series. Nos. 26, 27, 29, and 30. London, 1838.—*From the Editor.*
- The American Journal of the Medical Sciences. Edited by Isaac Hays, M.D. No. XLVIII, for August. Philadelphia, 1839.—*From the Editor.*

A communication from the Academy of Natural Sciences, was received, under date of the 23d of July, relating to a pro-

posed National Museum in connexion with the Smithsonian legacy. Whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the Academy of Natural Sciences be respectfully informed that their communication has been carefully considered by the American Philosophical Society, and that the Society has to regret that in view of the indirect and unofficial manner in which the wishes of one of the members of the Government at Washington has been conveyed to them, respecting the disposition of the Smithsonian legacy, the Society does not feel at liberty, at the present time, to take action upon this subject.

A communication from the foreign Secretary of the Royal Society of London, in relation to magnetic observations was referred to the astronomical committee.

Dr. Duglison described the appearances which he had witnessed, in company with Professor Silliman, after the tornado of the 31st ultimo, at New Haven. The evidences appeared to him to favour the idea of a gyratory motion. The direction of the storm was from south-west to north-east.

Mr. Justice described a similar tornado which had occurred on the same day, fifteen miles north of Philadelphia, showing evidence, in his opinion, of a similar movement of gyration.